

Thank you for the context.

--- On **Fri, 8/26/11, Becky Plimpton** <bplimpton@cwmars.org> wrote:

From: Becky Plimpton <bplimpton@cwmars.org>

Subject: RE: "Towelhead"

To: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Date: Friday, August 26, 2011, 4:00 PM

Mr. XXXX-

While the staff does not read or watch every item that we purchase, we do read reviews on every title.

Towelhead is based on the novel of the same name, which the library also owns. The movie is directed by the screenwriter of American Beauty and the creator of Six Feet Under, and it was screened at the Sundance Film Festival in 2008.

I have included a few websites with reviews of the movie. You will see that the reviews are mixed and that people seem to find the movie either thought provoking or generally disturbing. The actress in the movie was 18 at the time, though playing a 13 year old.

<http://nymag.com/listings/movie/towelhead/>

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/movies/2008188599_mr19towelhead.html

<http://www.tnr.com/article/books-and-arts/the-movie-review-towelhead>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bryan-young/sundance-review-towelhead_b_83967.html

<http://www.variety.com/index.asp?layout=festivals&jump=review&id=2471&viewid=VE1117934702&cs=1>

A portion of the library's selection policy is to "provide materials on controversial issues, and whenever possible, to represent many shades of opinion on these issues. Serious works are not necessarily excluded because of unpleasant language or frankness. If a work, overall, has artistic merit or provides important information, it has a place in our collection".

If you would like to discuss this further, you may call me at 508-347-2512 and I would be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

Becky

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-----Original Message-----

From: XXXXXXXXXX

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 10:01 AM

To: Becky Plimpton

Subject: DVD: "Towelhead"

Hi,

I currently have this DVD out. I don't know if library staff review DVDs, but I am wondering if perhaps this one is not appropriate for library circulation due to the age of the main character in the story line.

Thank you.